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line

NOUN²

Etymology

Summary

Of multiple origins. Partly a word inherited from Germanic. Partly a borrowing from French.

Etymon: French *ligne*.

Two words, ultimately of the same etymology, have coalesced. (1) **Old English** *line* weak feminine = **Middle Dutch** *line* (modern **Dutch** *lijn*), **Old High German** *līna* (**Middle High German** *līne* cord, line, modern **German** *leine* cord), **Old Norse** *lína* (**Swedish** *lina*, **Danish** *line*); either a native **Germanic** formation on **līno-* flax, **line** *n.*¹, or (more probably) an early **Germanic** adoption of **Latin** *līnea* (see below); (2) **Middle English** *ligne*, *line*, < **French** *ligne* = **Provençal** *ligna*, **Portuguese** *linha* (**Spanish** *linea*, **Italian** *linea* (in learned form)) < popular **Latin** **linja* representing **classical Latin** *līnea* (earlier *līnia*), originally 'linen thread', a substantive use of *līnea* feminine of *līneus* (**līnius*) adjective, flaxen, < *līnum* flax = **line** *n.*¹; the substantive use of the adjective is due to ellipsis of some feminine noun, possibly *fībra* **fibre** *n.*

Notes

In continental **Germanic** the popular **Latin** **linja* was adopted as **Old High German** *linia* (**Middle High German**, modern **German**, **Dutch**, **Danish** *linie*).

Meaning & use

I. Cord or string (and derived senses).

- I.1.a. A rope, cord, string; †a leash for dogs or for hawks. Chiefly *Nautical* or as short for **clothesline** *n.*, etc. Also applied with words prefixed to particular 'makes' of rope, e.g. **cod-line**, **house-line**, **whale-line**. *spec.* as used by climbers (usually opposed to *rope*).

Old English–

OE Ylðo..ræceð wide langre **linan**, lisseð eall ðæt heo wile.
Solomon & Saturn 294

OE *Spirae*, **linan**.
in T. Wright & R. P. Wülcker, *Anglo-Saxon & Old English Vocabulary* (1884) vol. I. 182/24

[1390–1 Pro..v lynes parvis pro les ankeres et seyles.
Earl Derby's Exped. (Camden) 40]

1797 The making of two strand and three strand line.
Encyclopædia Britannica vol. XVI. 487/1

I.1.c. † A 'cord' in the body. *Obsolete. rare.*

1611–1780

1611 *Linéa álba*, the white line, the vmbellical veine, the line or hollow tying from the nauel.
J. Florio, *Queen Anna's New World of Words*

1780 She pours a sensibility divine Along the nerve of every feeling line.
W. Cowper, *Table Talk* 487

anatomy

neurology

physiology

I.1.d. Applied to a spider's thread. *poetic.*

1733–

1733 The Spider's touch, how exquisitely fine, Feels at each thread, and lives along the line.
A. Pope, *Essay on Man* i. 202

1782 Spun as fine As bloated spiders draw the flimsy line.
W. Cowper, *Progress of Error* in *Poems* 66

1839 A gossamer line sighing itself along The air.
P. J. Bailey, *Festus* 49

invertebrates

poetic and literary

I.1.e.i. A telegraph or telephone wire or cable. Also (with mixture of sense V.26), a telegraph route, a telegraphic system connecting two or more stations; a telephonic connection; an individual 'number' or extension. Cf. *to hold the line* at **hold v. I.6h**, **hotline n.** Also *figurative*, esp. in **to get the lines crossed**, to become confused.

1847–

1847 So rapid is the transmission of the electric current along the lines of wire, that..to carry the wires eight times round the earth..would occupy but one second of time.
Handbook Electric Telegr. 11

1851 Five great electric telegraphic lines ... The extent of line thus served appears to be about fifteen hundred miles.
Official Descriptive & Illustrated Catalogue of Great Exhibition vol. IV. 1191

1854 This said cable or rope I denominate my Oceanic Line.
J. W. Brett, *Specif. Patent* 10,939 21

1900 Miss Woodward. (*Speaking into telephone—very sweetly*)..Mr. Parbury's just coming in now—he'll speak to you—keep the line.
C. H. Chambers, *Tyranny of Tears* i. 2

1901 The American trans-Pacific line.
Scotsman 9 March 9/3

1921 The 'busy tone' is sent back to the calling subscriber if the line he wants is busy.

1934 The notepaper should carry—(1) The name of the firm. (2) Its address. (3) Fictitious address for creditors. (4) Telephone number (at least ten lines).

Punch 21 March 332/1

1944 Ronnie showed the doctor how to get an outside line and he dialed a number.

H. McCloy, *Panic* 6

1951 The Post Office took over all 'trunk' long-distance lines in 1896, and 6 years later opened the first of several large London exchanges, the 'Central', with 14,000 lines.

Oxford Junior Encyclopedia vol. IV. 448/1

1970 Thane lifted the telephone. When the desk constable answered he asked for a line ... Then he began dialling.

B. Knox, *Children of Mist* iv. 77

1972 What? I can't hear you. It's a terrible line.

J. Wilson, *Hide & Seek* iii. 61

1973 It clearly has the advantage of keeping all the lines from getting crossed and establishing the priorities of policy.

Times 16 April 14/6

1973 He told me he couldn't see me then and to get off the line.

'K. Royce', *Spider Underground* iii. 50

1974 Mr Nixon has admitted that he ordered a cover-up of the plumbers' activities, but suggested that his staff got their lines crossed and took this to be an order to cover up the Watergate affair as well.

Times 15 March 8/2

telegraphy

telephony

I.1.e.ii. Hence, any wire or cable that serves as a conductor of electric current, for whatever purpose.

1886–

1886 Overhead lines, whether used for electric lighting or transmission of energy, are exposed to the effects of lightning.

G. Kapp, *Electric Transmission of Energy* viii. 205

1902 Alternate current is used for lighting and continuous current for the tramway line.

Encyclopædia Britannica vol. XXV. 35/2

1920 Since the induced voltages due to lightning are the same whatever the working voltage of the line, the heavier insulation on extra high voltage lines renders them less subject to lightning trouble.

Whittaker's Electrical Engineer's Pocket-book (ed. 4) 407

1930 Minimum expenditure on the transmission and distribution systems from those points, connoting the use of overhead lines.

Engineering 25 April 548/2

1957 On the teleprinter at the other end of the line, the responses of the armature of a single electromagnet..cause the corresponding character to be printed.

Encyclopædia Britannica vol. XXI. 887/1